THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Saturday, the 26th November 1949.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at eleven of the clock, the Deputy President (SRI K. VENKATASWAMI NAYUDU) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Absorption of the public servants of the Pudukkottai State after its merger in the Madras Province.

* 50-A *Q.*—JANAB ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI (on behalf of Dr. V. K. John) : Will the Hon. the Premier be pleased to state—

(*a*) the date on which Pudukkottai State was merged with Madras Province;

(*b*) whether all the former servants of the Pudukkottai State have been absorbed into the service of this Province and whether all the public servants who were in the permanent service of the Pudukkottai State are now treated as permanent servants of this Province;

(*c*) if all the servants have not been absorbed, what the reason is for not absorbing them;

(*d*) whether the Pudukkottai Government servants absorbed into this Province are getting the same pay as other Madras Province servants of the same cadre;

(*e*) whether all the departments of the State have been absorbed, and if so, whether the absorption of the Public Works, Education and Co-operative Departments of the State has been completed and if not, what the reasons for the delay in completing the absorption of all the departments are;

(*f*) whether the public servants of the Pudukkottai State absorbed into the service of this Province are getting dearness allowances at Provincial rates;

(*g*) whether representations have been made to the Hon. Premier on behalf of the public servants who were in the service of the Pudukkottai State in the matter of dearness allowance; and whether final orders have been passed on their representation; and

(*h*) whether the Government are aware that there is widespread feeling among the inhabitants of the areas comprising the former Pudukkottai State in regard to the administration after merger, that the inhabitants and Government servants were happier and more contented before the merger than they are now?

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN (on behalf of Hon. the Premier) :—

" (*a*) 3rd March 1948.

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" (*b*) Orders laying down the general principles of absorption of the State staff have been issued in G.O. Ms. No. 655, Public (Political), dated 26th March 1949, a copy[a] of which is placed on the Table of the House. Proposals submitted by the Collector of Tiruchirappalli and/or the Heads of Departments concerned in this regard are dealt with in the Departments of the Secretariat concerned who issue necessary orders in this matter.

" (*c*) The question does not arise in view of the answer to clause (*b*) above.

" (*d*) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (*e*) The administration of all the Departments of the State has been taken over by this Government and orders regarding the absorption of the State staff are being issued as soon as proposals from the Collectors or Heads of Departments are received and examined.

" (*f*) Yes.

" (*g*) The answer is in the affirmative; final orders have been passed sanctioning dearness allowance at Provincial rates.

" (*h*) The Government have no information."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" As this is a Government Order issued by the Political Department, may I know why the provisions of the Government Order should not be applicable to all departments which are working in the Pudukkottai State and why each department should issue a fresh Government Order? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" As it has been absorbed and brought under the control of the Government, we have to enforce the rules and make them applicable to it."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" The merger took place in 1948. Should it take so much time to issue departmental Government Orders in respect of various departments of the State? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" From my answers the hon. Gentleman would have noticed that we have taken practically all departments without any exception. It has taken all these days to bring the departments under order and have the financial sanction made for paying dearness allowance, etc."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know if the teachers employed in Government schools in Pudukkottai State have been absorbed and the Government Orders relating to them have been passed by the Education Department? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" I have not the information just now, but a separate question may be put."

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on page 668—671 infra.

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SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know whether these Government Orders are applicable to the merged State of Sandur?"

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" This is about Pudukkottai, Sir."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" The Government Orders placed on the Table refer to Banganapalle also. May I know whether these Government Orders would be applicable to Sandur State also?"

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" I cannot give a definite answer, but I presume what applies to Pudukkottai would also apply to Banganapalle and Sandur."

Women patrollers for the City of Madras.

* 51 *Q.*—JANAB ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI (on behalf of Mrs. M. N. Clubwala): Will the Hon. the Premier be pleased to state whether the Government will provide women patrollers in the City of Madras?

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN (on behalf of Hon. the Premier) :—" There is one woman patroller in Stri Sadana. There is no proposal to appoint any additional women patrollers at present."

Production, import and distribution of cement in the Province.

* 52 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) what quantity of indigenous cement is produced in the various factories in the Province;

(*b*) whether the production is commensurate with the consumption and if not, what steps are being taken to increase production;

(*c*) what quantity of cement was imported into the Province during the past three years to meet the needs of the Province;

(*d*) whether the prices fixed for the imported cement and the indigenous cement are the same;

(*e*) what circumstances are taken into account in fixing the prices of cement; and

(*f*) what method of distribution is followed to ensure equitable distribution and at controlled prices?

THE HON. SRI M. BAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) The average output of cement per month in the various factories is as follows :—

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Madukarai Cement Works, Coimbatore	15,000
Dalmia Cement, Dalmiapuram	6,000
Andhra Cement Company, Vijayavada	2,500
Krishna Cement Factory	7,500
India Cement Company, Thalayathu, Tirunelveli ..	6,000